



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WEST GRAND AVE. ON-RAMP CONVERTS TO HOV IF BART STRIKES

Oakland - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the California Highway Patrol (CHP), the City of Oakland and AC Transit today announced that in the event of a BART strike, the West Grand Avenue on-ramp to the Bay Bridge in Oakland would be temporarily designated for high occupancy vehicles (HOV) and FasTrak users only during morning and evening commutes.

The ramp would only be accessible to cars with three or more passengers (two seaters with two people acceptable), commercial trucks, buses and motorcycles from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Other vehicles will be detoured to other ramps. Signs on Oakland streets will clearly mark the detours.

This ramp designation will assist AC Transit's Transbay Terminal service to alleviate congestion and transport commuters to San Francisco. For information on AC Transit's transbay service, please visit www.actransit.org.

Caltrans, CHP, Oakland and AC Transit remind motorists to plan ahead for commuting options in the event of a strike. Forming carpools, using public transit and Park & Ride lots, adjusting travel times and getting FasTrak are all smart choices. We're doing our part to help alleviate congestion.

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